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SUB: INTERNATIONAL COCOA ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO
VISIT WASHINGTON

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1. MR. U.K. HACKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL
COCOA ORGANIZATION (ICO), CALLED ON AMBASSADOR DEC 12.
A GHANAIAN, HACKMAN IS ON A BRIEF VISIT FROM HIS LONDON
HEADQUARTERS.

2. HACKMAN CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR US ADHERENCE TO THE ICO.
HE SAID ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR HIM TO VISIT WASHINGTON
JANUARY 6 AND 7., THROUGH AMEMBASSY LONDON, AND IS FOLLOW-UP
TO MEETING HE HAD IN LONDON WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL.
HACKMAN SAYS HE SAW HEAD OF STATE ACHEAMPONG DEC 9. AKAFTER
ACHEAMPONG MENTIONED ICO TO AMBASSADOR AT CREDENTIALS
PRESENTATION--REFTEL). HE SATES ACHEAMPONG "VERY EXCITED"
ABOUT HACKMAN'S FORTHCOMING VISIT AND WOULD ASK COMMISSIONER
BAAH TO GIVE HACKMAN LETTER TO DELIVER TO SECRETARY KISSINGER.
AMBASSADOR ASSURED HACKMAN HE WOULD BE CORDIALLY WELCOMED
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IN WASHINGTON, BUT MADE NO COMMITMENTS AS TO WHO WOULD SEE

HIM.

3. HACKMAN ASKED AMBASSADOR TO PROVIDE LIST OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO OPPOSED TO US JOINING ICO SO THAT HE COULD TALK TO THEM. AMBASSADOR SAID SHE UNINFORMED WHICH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TOOK THIS POSITION. HACHMAN THEN SAID AN UNNAMED, "POWERFUL" NEW YORK FRIEND WOULD GIVE HIM THESE CONTACTS.

4 . HACKMAN'S ARGUMENT FOR US JOINING ICO IS THAT WHILE ORIGINALLY US FEARED CREATION OF ICO WOULD LEAD TO COCOA SURPLUSES, ICO CURRENTLY MUST INTERFERE WITH MARKETS TO CREATE INCENTIVES, IN ABSENCE OF WHICH THERE WILL BE SHORTAGES. AMBASSADOR, NOTING AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING ICO EXPIRES 1976, SAID SHE HOPED US COULD PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS RPT NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO RENEWAL.

5. HACKMAN HIGHLY COMPLIMENTARY OF COOPERATION HE RECEIVES FROM EMBASSY LONDON.
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